

Pentagon Plans Fail to Solve Space Problem

U. S. Aides See No
Early Removal of
Temporary Buildings

By Nelson M. Shepard

The new role reserved for the Pentagon Building as future headquarters of the unified armed services apparently aroused no hope today in Federal planning circles of early removal of the 29-year-old "temporary" Navy and Munitions Buildings on Constitution Avenue.

Nor would such use of the Pentagon lessen the need for expediting plans to erect the proposed new Navy Department building as an extension of the so-called West End triangle, officials said, whether for the future use of the Navy or some other Federal agency.

Those views were shared by Commissioner W. E. Reynolds of the Public Buildings Commission, who is also director of Government space control, and by Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Space Still a Problem.

Neither was of the opinion that a Pentagon building bursting with top Army, Navy and Air Force officers and personnel would have any appreciable effect on the perennial problem of finding permanent office space in Washington for the armed services or Federal employees in general. Each said the total load of personnel for the unified armed services will be substantially the same as it is now when the move is made to the Pentagon next month, but no one knows now what it will be two or three years hence.

The Pentagon now houses 22,000 military and civilian personnel, and the Army and War Department actually occupy 16 other buildings in the Washington area.

For this reason, Mr. Reynolds pointed out, it is still necessary for the Army and Navy also to retain most of its temporary buildings such as those at the National Airport and near Arlington Cemetery.

Gen. Grant was of the same opinion. "We still hope some day it will be possible to tear down the temporary buildings especially the Navy and Munitions Buildings, but we can't do it now," he said. The Navy is now in process of getting rid of its temporary buildings near the reflecting pool and east of Seventeenth street on the Monument lot.

Program Under Way.

Both Army and Navy have reduced their office space requirements considerably in the more than two years since V-J day. It would be possible, perhaps, to squeeze 8,000 more clerks into the Pentagon, as during the peak of the war, but that would be an undesirable crowding in peacetime. So it is likely that the equally "undesirable" tempos at the National Airport and near Arlington Cemetery will remain standing for some time to come.

The Federal Government is embarked on a long-range program of new construction in Washington, the chief economic aim of which is to relieve itself of paying an enormous annual rental for scores of private buildings still being occupied. With that in mind, the Public Buildings Administration is hopeful soon of being able to start work on the addition to the new State Department Building (formerly the Army's) as well as the proposed Navy Building. Congress provided the funds for acquiring the site for the Navy Building, but nothing beyond that as yet.

By the time it is erected, the Navy Building probably will be known by some other name. Least of Mr. Reynolds' worries, however, will be finding occupants for it.

127 Veterans Graduate From Central High

Two girls were among 127 veterans graduating in Central High School's special summer course for veterans which opened last week, announced by Robert V. Vanderlip, director of summer courses.

A total of 574 veterans were enrolled in the summer classes which began July 1, Mr. Vanderlip said. The school will conduct a special course for veterans during the regular session again this fall, and Mr. Vanderlip requested all veterans who plan to enroll for the first time for the fall session to appear at Central High for registration on September 8. Classes will begin September 22, he said.

Police Told Not to Leave Prosecution to Recruits

Senior police officers must initiate prosecution after arrests rather than leave such work to probationary recruits, Inspector Walter H. Thomas, assistant superintendent, said in an order to Metropolitan police today.

The poor presentation of evidence by probationary recruits in the past has given the department bad publicity and embarrassed many of the recruits, the order stated. In the future, recruits will be carried as witnesses and senior officers will be held directly responsible for the presentation of case, it said.

Shadow Starts Chase After Man Fleeing With \$20

A shadow on the wall started Paul Sinsel, 1317 Fairmont street N.W., on a three-block chase late yesterday as he attempted to catch the man who cast the shadow.

Mr. Sinsel, a painter, and his wife, Mrs. Fairy Sinsel, were having dinner about 5 p.m. when they noticed the shadow of a man through an open door. Investigating, Mr. Sinsel spied a colored man leaving the place. He gave chase.

At Fourteenth and Belmont streets N.W., the man, some distance in the lead, boarded a streetcar and got away. With him went Mrs. Sinsel's billfold, containing \$20, taken from a dresser in a bedroom, the Sinsels reported.

Paris Blue Baby Shies at Camera After Hopkins' Surgery 'Miracle'



Little Michelle Rannou of Paris, France, walks to her father in the Three Musketeers Restaurant, 808 Connecticut avenue N.W., after successfully undergoing a "blue baby" operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital early this month. Dr. Alfred Blalock says she is his "most successful case."

By Thomas G. Buchanan

The young lady from Paris tossed her blond hair, shook her head and said "No!"

Ever since she landed in New York on August 2, the photographers and reporters had given her little rest. Her father coaxed her a little, and Michelle Rannou, age 7½, smiled for the camera again.

Michelle had every right to be happy. Wasn't she on her way back to her mother? Wouldn't she be able to run now, like the other children—faster, perhaps—without losing her energy and turning a deadly blue?

Francis Rannou, French railway worker, smiled down at his little daughter as she sampled Washington's version of a French cuisine at the little restaurant, Aux Trois Mousquetaires (The Three Musketeers), on Connecticut avenue.

"Most Successful Case."

He was happy, too. He had taken Michelle all the way from Paris to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on the chance that doctors there, noted for their "blue baby" operations, could cure the child of the affliction that had always affected her health and came at last to menace her very life.

Seven other children had made the long journey from France since Dr. Alfred Blalock and Helen Taussig began performing the delicate heart surgery in February, 1945. Two had died. But Michelle, released from Johns Hopkins only a day before, had been hailed by Dr. Blalock himself as his most successful case.

Several months ago she needed before patients who have undergone the "blue baby" operation are on their feet. Michelle landed in New York on August 2, the photographers and reporters had given her little rest. Her father coaxed her a little, and Michelle Rannou, age 7½, smiled for the camera again.

Butter Rises 2 Cents And Some Retailers Say It Will Reach \$1

Retail butter prices in Washington stores rose today as high as 91 cents a pound and some merchants warned that \$1-a-pound butter was a possibility this fall or winter.

Chain store prices ranged between 87 and 89 cents a pound for best grade butter. This was a 2-cent increase over prices earlier this week. Independent store prices were from 89 to 91 cents.

Several wholesale dealers of long experience disagreed with predictions of \$1-a-pound butter.

"People are not going to pay a dollar for butter, they can't afford it," one wholesaler commented.

Another wholesaler said he believed resistance would hold the price down. He noted that sales already were slowing up, indicating an unwillingness by consumers to pay current prices.

Reasons given for the high price—which, incidentally, were peaks for this year—included unfavorable weather in the West, high grain prices and the fact there has been a large diversion of milk for ice cream mix and fluid use.

Woman Employs Shotgun, Scares Intruder Away

Mrs. Ella E. Lee, 208 Westmont drive, Alex., used a shotgun to scare off an intruder at her home last night when she couldn't find any one to do the job for her.

Mrs. Lee told Alexandria police she was alone in her living room about 10 o'clock last night when she heard a noise at the back door. Mrs. Lee ran out the front door to summon help. Not seeing any one, she ran back, went upstairs and grabbed a shotgun.

Holding the shotgun, she opened the back door and watched the intruder flee down an alley.

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D. C. to Require Extra Business License Sept. 15

Permit to Operate
Affects Firms With
Gross Over \$10,000

No unincorporated business with a gross annual income of more than \$10,000, may engage in business in the District without a license after September 15.

This was announced yesterday by Edward A. Dent, District assessor, after the Commissioners had approved a set of regulations drafted by the assessors' office in collaboration with the Corporation Counsel. Authority for the regulations was granted by Congress last month.

Provides Enforcement.

The new regulations are designed to lay the groundwork for city enforcement of the new unincorporated business law. The revised personal income tax law adopted by Congress last month. The new omnibus income tax statute repealed the earlier income tax act of 1939 which applied only to personal income and corporation income.

The new act also exempted the corporation levy with continued with only a few minor modifications, the unincorporated business levy added, and the personal income tax changed from a base of legal residence to actual residence.

Those who do not have a license by September 15 are liable to a fine of \$500 a day. Mr. Dent explained that the new law has a gross income of \$10,000 or less from within the District for any full calendar year, shall not be required to apply for or obtain a license for the succeeding calendar year if its estimated gross income from within the District for such succeeding calendar year is \$10,000 or less.

The new law exempts from the provisions of the license any business which by custom or ethics cannot be incorporated, or any trade or business in which more than 80 per cent of the gross income is derived from personal services in which capital is not a material income-producing factor.

Status of Professions.

The professions recognized to come under the professional status are accounting, chiropractic, law, medicine and surgery, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine and surgery.

The new regulations rescind some of the rules adopted for the District Income Act of 1939. Retained, however, are requirements for filing reports, examination of records, collection of taxes set up in the act and imposition of penalties for failure to comply with these provisions.

An organization is not exempt from provisions of the corporation license requirement merely because it is not operated for profit. Clubs organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profit purposes, are among the groups pointed out by the assessor being covered by the new regulations. Farmers' associations organized on a co-operative basis also must obtain licenses.

Chest Exempt.

The Community Chest and foundation operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, are exempt if their activities are confined to the District "to a substantial extent." The fact that the Community Chest carries on some of its activities in areas outside the District does not deprive it of exemption, the regulations specify.

Under the new regulations any income from a Government worker, derived from the operation of a taxicab, an apartment house, or business or professional activity, in the District, even if he claims domicile elsewhere, shall be taxable if such person actually has lived in the District for more than seven months of the taxable year. The spouse of the Federal officerholder is not exempt from filing income tax returns, even though domicile is claimed elsewhere, if he or she has an income not derived from the Federal Government.

Adams Reappointed To Realty Commission

The Commissioners today reappointed Albert F. Adams as a member of the Realty Commission of the District for three years beginning September 1.

Mr. Adams was first appointed to the board on January 2 to fill the unexpired term of Aubrey St. Clair Wardwell, who resigned. This term expires August 31.

A graduate of the National University School of Law, Mr. Adams served in the Army three years. He was discharged in 1945 and is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve. He has practiced law here since 1929.

Arlington to Dedicate Flag on V-J Anniversary

The second anniversary of V-J day will be observed in Arlington at 1 p.m. Tuesday when a flag dedication ceremony will be held in Shirlington Community Center.

Veterans' organizations, Arlington County groups and the Army Medical Center Band will participate.

Numbers Man Takes a Chance, Gets 45 Days and \$100 Fine

By John Stepp

The first numbers defendant in 24 days to brave trial before Judge George D. Nelson was convicted today, sentenced to 45 days in jail, fined \$100 and told he would have to serve an extra 45 days if he fails to pay the fine.

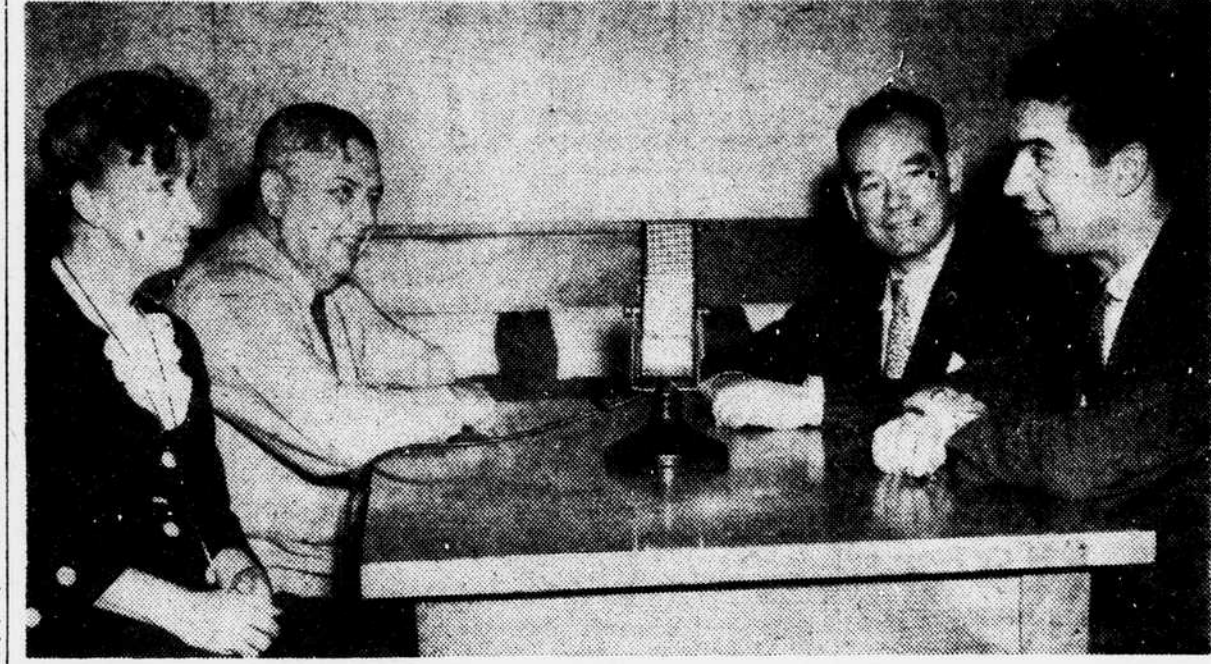
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Policemen Robert Dyas and A. A. Meklejohn of No. 4 precinct testified today they saw Bailey writing numbers with another man in the street near his home. The policemen said they found about \$6 in quarters in Bailey's pockets and more than a score of 25-cent numbers "plays" penciled on a pad.

Bailey told the court he had found the pad on the street and "was trying to explain the way numbers are written" to his companion. Asked about the quarters in his pockets, he said he "earned the money doing odd jobs."

Judge Nelson, however, held there was "too much coincidence" in the quarters and the entries. "You are a detriment to the community," the judge told Bailey, "and the only way to stop people like you is to send you to jail."



ADVOCATE STRONGER LAW—Shown participating in a roundtable discussion over Station WMAL last night on the need for a stronger antiperversion law are (left to right) Capt. Rhoda Miliken of the Women's Bureau, Dr. Winifred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital; Lt. William T. Murphy of the Juvenile Bureau, and United States Attorney George Morris Fay. —Star Staff Photo.

200,000 U. S. Workers Ready For 3-Day Holiday Week End

About 200,000 Government workers start a three-day holiday week today after the Labor Day.

Washington's downtown department stores and specialty shops, which have been closed on eight summer Saturdays to date, will be open tomorrow as a prelude to the fall shopping season.

A rush is expected at the grocery and meat counters tomorrow—few food stores will be open Monday.

The usual holiday week end rush began to develop at Union Station and at the bus terminals this afternoon. "Standbys" were waiting at the National Airport ticket counters hoping to get on planes through last-minute cancellations.

Banks to Be Closed.

Banks will be closed tomorrow and Monday. Branch Post Offices will be closed and only the Post Office next to the Union Station will be open for the sale of stamps and receipt of parcel post shipments.

Organized labor in Washington, as in past years, will consider the day a deserved holiday and go fishing or swimming. There will be no parades or labor rallies such as mark the day in industrial cities.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will broadcast from WRC locally from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Monday. He will be speaking from a rally in Soldiers Field, Chicago, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, will broadcast from WMAL at 8:15 p.m. Monday, speaking from the Lincoln Memorial.

Eckles' Lieutenant Made Permanent in Police Promotions

Several promotions in the Metropolitan Police Department were announced today after approval by the Commissioners. Acting Lt. George S. Eckles was promoted to permanent rank to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Paul Sullivan.

Lt. Sullivan was retired for physical disability. He is a veteran of World War II, and returned to the police department from military leave only recently.

Sgt. Horace F. Skinner was promoted to temporary lieutenant to fill the vacancy created by Lt. Michael Dowd, who is being detailed to duty at the Capitol.

Acting Sgt. Edward H. Ring was promoted to the grade of permanent sergeant. Albert B. Nicholson, Jr., was promoted to the grade of permanent corporal. Grady A. Beacham also was promoted to the grade of corporal. Corpl. Ulys S. Rogers was promoted to the grade of sergeant. Pvt. Charles A. Parker and Pvt. Herman A. Sauer were promoted to the grade of corporal.

Firemen Promoted.

The Commissioners announced yesterday that Pvt. William H. Boswell has been promoted to the rank of assistant superintendent of machinery in the Fire Department. His salary will be \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Boswell's promotion, according to Deputy Chief Frank G. Berry, was the result of a noncompetitive examination. Chief Berry said Mr. Boswell will succeed J. J. Dahlstrom, who becomes superintendent tomorrow while he was serving as a private.

Mr. Boswell, who lives at 425 D street S.E., was appointed to the department in December, 1921, and retired in February, 1935. He was restored to duty in May, 1936.

Other Promotions.

Other promotions announced were: E. J. Edney, 5500 S. Van road, Suitland, Md.; Charles E. McFarland, 5207 Sherrill place N.W., to the rank of captain; Sgts. Ralph A. Hendrick, 1130 Branch avenue S.E.; Howard E. Rhine, 319 Anacostia road S.E.; and Everett Hass, 3419 Nicholas avenue S.E., lieutenants.

Pvt. Henry C. Winters, Carl B. Sugg and Robert C. Bashford were named sergeants.

Pvt. Robert H. Lewis, Edward R. Curtis and George E. Blaylock were granted \$500 a month in addition to their salary for outstanding efficiency.

Taximan Gets 30-Day Term As Drunk in Alexandria

Harry Sholes, 30, of 811 Bashford lane, Alexandria, yesterday was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor last May.

Sholes, a taxi driver, appealed the Alexandria Civil and Police Court decision to the Corporation Court. Sholes' trial had been delayed since May while he served a 60-day sentence in Fairfax County for a similar offense. He was out on bond on the Fairfax County charges when arrested in Alexandria May 29, the court was told.

Sholes' \$500 bond was continued pending his appeal.

Reckless Flyer Fined \$100

EASTON, Md., Aug. 29 (AP)—In one of the first cases involving reckless use of aircraft over Talbot County, Magistrate Lee S. Gillis fined Herman Atwood Henry, Cambridge, \$100 for "slow and dangerous flying" here recently.

Only 5 Indicted In Hundreds of Sex Law Cases

Radio Speakers Say
Police Receive 175
Complaints Yearly

Although an average of 175 complaints against sex offenders reach the Police Department's Juvenile Bureau a year, only five cases have resulted in indictment in the past two and a half years because of the inadequacy of existing District laws to deal with these sex offenders.

The comparative figures were brought out last night during a round-table discussion over Station WMAL on the need for a law strong enough to curb sex offenders, particularly those endangering children.

United States Attorney George Morris Fay, who led the discussion, said his check of cases since 1945 showed clearly that "we are not equipped to deal with the problem."

Three Got Jail Sentences.

Of the five cases resulting in indictment, one offender received four and one-half years for the hard-to-prove common law offense of sodomy; two others were sentenced to a year in jail; one was declared of unsound mind and the last case remains to be tried, he reported.

Lt. William T. Murphy of the Juvenile Bureau, in disclosing his bureau averages 175 complaints against pervers annually, said only about one-third of them result in any court action at all. In most cases which do reach the courts, it was explained, the offenders are let off with short terms or light sentences.

The head of the Juvenile Bureau said the handicaps to prosecution arise from the weakness of the law as well as the reluctance of parents to expose their children to a court trial as witnesses.

On the latter point, Capt. Rhoda Miliken of the Women's Bureau emphasized that parents would be more willing to permit their children to go into court if they felt the law was strong enough to insure real penalties for these degenerates.

Lack Hope in Success.

If the parents felt they were accomplishing something, if they had faith in ultimate successful prosecution of the offenders, Capt. Miliken declared, they would be more willing to let their children testify.

Both Mr. Fay and Lt. Murphy commended The Star for initiating such a campaign to enlist public support behind the efforts of concerned officials to write a strong antiperversion statute.

Mr. Fay explained that the proposed statute on which the authorities are in general agreement would provide for a general sex offense statute, a special section applying to offenses against children and a sexual psychopath statute similar to those already enacted in four States.

Dr. Winifred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, pointed out that the sexual psychopath statute already has been passed on by the appellate courts in these States and found to be constitutional.

Mr. Fay added that the protection of constitutional rights of offenders would be woven into any new statute that will ensue.

He and Dr. Overholser discussed the protection of the constitutional rights of an offender, in event he is turned over for psychiatric treatment.

"Sometimes a condition is amenable to psychiatric treatment, but if it does not respond there is no reason why the public should be threatened by offenders," Dr. Overholser said.

He said that in addition the problem was one in which the welfare of the offender was a factor in that he was a mental problem, although not insane.

Pointing out that psychiatrists have no desire to let offenders loose on the community, he urged that those who do not wish treatment should be confined indefinitely.

Catoe Case Cited.

An example of a dangerous sex offender was given in the case of Jarvis Catoe, who was executed here for multiple rape and murder a few years ago. Dr. Overholser explained that Catoe started out as an exhibitionist who ended in a murderer because he was not stopped early in his career by adequate sex laws.

He told of another case in Massachusetts when a boy committed several sex offenses and was paroled over the objections of his mother, only to attack and slay a little girl.

Capt. Miliken explained that many cases in which children were victims are not satisfactorily covered by existing laws, and listed among such offenses indecent advances, conversations and suggestions to persons as well as, in many instances, abnormal themselves.

"The damage to youngsters in such cases is of great concern to all of us," she said. She warned that these people can turn from trivial actions to more dangerous activity.

Should Tell Police.

Capt. Miliken stressed that one of the "disheartening things with which the police are concerned" is that some sex offenders cannot control their actions and on release from the penitentiary become "repeaters."

Lt. Murphy emphasized the importance of apprehending repeaters. "That is why it is necessary for parents, if they feel their children are in danger, to let the police know about it," he said. "An unnatural sex offender is bound to repeat his act." He added that if the police can get on the job quickly they can prevent serious injury to children.

Maryland Boy Listed As 18th Polio Victim

The Health Department listed its 18th polio victim yesterday, when a 7-year-old white boy was admitted to Children's Hospital, suffering from the disease.

The boy was brought here from his home at White Haven, Md., and was the 12th victim from the nearby States. There have been six cases reported in the District.

Police officers will be carrying out a search for the boy's father, who is believed to be in the District.